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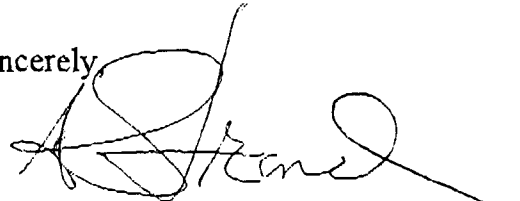
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to encourage the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. This issue has been drug out for over three years now and it is time to put it to rest. Microsoft needs the chance to move on and put this government over regulation behind them.

When I buy a Ford it does not come with Chevy parts. Chevy parts do not fit in Fords and nobody has a problem with that. Now Microsoft creates a product and is being sued because everyone else's products do not work perfectly with their products. Microsoft has agreed to provide their competitors with part of the Windows base code, in order for their competitors to create products that are more compatible with Microsoft's. This has never been done in any other industry and I do not see why it is being demanded from Microsoft.

Microsoft has been harassed for too long. Demands have been made and agreed to that have never been made on any other company. Now it is time to allow Microsoft to move forward. The only way to move forward is to put this issue in the past. Please accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement.

Sincerely,



Alan Strand